

Lake County, Florida



The theme, *Diversity of Landscape, Lifestyle and Leisure*, captures the essence of Lake County. Over the past year, your Board of County Commissioners has focused decisions and efforts to the preservation and enhancement of these three essential attributes.

We are blessed with many natural resources. Their protection is paramount. Your Board is actively participating on a Wekiva River Basin Committee whose goal is to ensure preservation of that indispensable resource. Nature also offers us the unique opportunity to enhance the quality of life of our residents. Our expanded trail system, our parks, and our new community centers provide opportunities for citizens to relax and refresh in a variety of enticing settings.

However, the dynamics of the growth in our county clearly present challenges and demand proactive policies which benefit businesses and residents alike. For example, our County and all municipalities are forming partnerships to jointly approach the issues related to planned development.

We have enhanced technology to aid in achieving higher levels of communication and customer service. And job opportunities and tourism alternatives are experiencing exciting new progress. 274 new high-paying jobs were brought to our County through our jobs growth development program, and various sports events held throughout the county stimulated our already sound economy.

Ultimately, the success of Lake County reflects the spirit of the citizens as well as the talent of our dedicated employees. We have enjoyed overwhelming public support in addressing the most critical needs of our county: transportation and public safety. In turn, our staff has worked feverishly to improve our roadway network and to enhance public safety response countywide.

While we enjoy taking time to celebrate our successes, we must continue to face forward. Your Board is positioned to meet the challenges that lie ahead. The Board of County Commissioners is also indebted to the commitment of our citizens who have placed trust in our ability to enhance the quality of life. It continues to be an honor to serve this County and to share in the vision for the future of our diverse communities.

Sincerely,

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